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PROBLEMS OF LABOURERS OF TEA INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formed or proposes to form a Committee or Board to look into the day-to-day problems of labourers who are working in the Tea Industry of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the other measures proposed to mitigate their problems?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (c): According to the information furnished by the State Govt. of West Bengal, there is no formal Committee as such to look after the day-to-day problems of the labourers in Tea Gardens in West Bengal. However, there are officers in the rank of Joint Labour Commissioner, Deputy Labour Commissioners and Assistant Labour Commissioners posted in tea growing districts in North Bengal who look after the day-to-day problem of the labourers in the tea gardens in West Bengal. So far welfare measures under the Plantations Labour Act are concerned there are subject matter Committees, Board which overseas and monitors the implementation of the concerned subject matter of welfare.